

In The Specification:

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[0018] Referring now to Figures 4 and 5, an upper portion 50 of the linkshaft bracket 24 is shown having a ~~spherical~~ semi-circular region 30 that supports the bearing 22 and a plurality of mounting holes 32 to mount the linkshaft bracket 24 to the engine block or ladderframe 27. The mounting holes 32 are adapted to receive a fastener, such as a bolt, screw, stud, or similar fastening device. A plurality of raised ribbed regions 64 are preferably added that contribute to the overall strength and stiffness of the upper portion 50. The upper portion 50 also has a pair of mounted studs 42 that couple a corresponding inlet 64 in the lower portion 52.

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[0019] Referring now to Figure 6, the lower portion 52 has a ~~spherical~~ semi-circular region 60 that supports a lower portion of the bearing 22 and also has the aforementioned inlets 64 67. The inlets 64 67, while adapted to receive a corresponding stud 42, may be adapted to receive a fastener, such as a bolt, screw, or similar fastening device on the upper portion 50. As is best seen in Figures 3 and 6, the ~~spherical~~ semi-circular regions 30, 60 surround and enclose a portion of the bearing 22 that support the linkshaft 20.